

Shingay Deanery

As you may or may not know, parishes in the Church of England are grouped into Deaneries, and we are part of the Shingay Deanery (with 4 other benefices). Until recently Rev'd Felicity Couch has held the post of Rural Dean (a role which covers the leadership of the Deanery as a whole and responsibility of care for any benefices without a vicar or rector) but a couple of months ago Felicity stood down from that position. This week Bishop Dagmar has appointed the vicar of Melbourn and Meldreth, Rev'd Andrew Birks, to the post of Rural Dean, and I therefore ask you to pray for him in his new role.

Each parish can send one or two representatives to the Deanery Synod meetings, and two of are parishes, Foxton and Shepreth, currently do not have anyone to fill that role. The Deanery Synod representative of a parish also sits on the PCC. If you might be interested in taking up that role then please talk to Rev'd David or your churchwarden.

Are you experiencing difficulty keeping warm?

Small grants for individuals experiencing difficulty keeping warm are being issued through Cambridgeshire Community Foundation – contact Revd David as you may be eligible for a grant.

How to Contact

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David's usual day off is Friday.

Notice Sheet Content Contact

Maxine is on Annual leave from Monday 28th October until Monday 4th November.

If you would prefer to receive the Notice Sheet electronically, please email Maxine and she will add you to the circulation list.

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The Four Churches Notice Sheet

St Mary's Fowlmere, St Laurence Foxton, All Saints' Shepreth, St George's Thriplow

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Notice Sheet for Sunday 27th October, The Last Sunday after Trinity

Gospel Text Mark 10:46 - end

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Collect

**Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and
uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

This week

- Monday 28th October** 7.30pm Benefice Forum
- Tuesday 29th October** 9.00 am Zoom Morning Prayer
- Tuesday 30th October** 10.00 am Café at St Mary's Fowlmere
- Thursday 31st October** 7.45pm Deanery Synod

Services on Sunday 3rd November - All Saints' Day/ 4 before Advent

- 9.30am** Holy Communion at St George's Thriplow
- 11am** Morning Worship at All Saints' Shepreth
- 3pm** Service of Hope and Remembrance at St Laurence's Foxton

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Barbara Gaskin, Gwyneth Page, Christine Gadd, Monica Hunter, and Jose Taylor.

Prayers for the Bereaved

Please pray for the families of Reg Greenaway, Joan Smith, Sally Strong and Simon Goodfellow who died recently.

Ride and Stride

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored our effort for the Historic Churches Ride and Stride. We are pleased to say we made £310 half of which will be returned to St Laurence's. Thank you also to Sue Jeppeson and Jean McCombie for looking after the Church on the day
Hilary and Alan

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Sally Strong

Revd Christopher Strong and their family have asked that people around the Benefice know that Sally died peacefully with Christopher and Sam at her side earlier this week from MND.

Christopher took up his post as the first Rector of the 4CB in 2002. Sally and he worked hard to establish the new Benefice at a time of considerable change for all of us. They both steered us all through the first years, leaving a firm foundation in place by the time Christopher retired in 2008.

Sally was the heart of the Rectory and her family. She loved people and was a wise counsellor to many.

She was also a talented artist and ceramicist who loved teaching others in her Studio at Campden in Bedfordshire, to where she and Christopher retired, to take up Pottery.

Service of Hope and Remembrance.

We are again holding this annual service - this year it is on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm at St Laurence's Foxton. Invitations are being sent out to families of those who we have conducted funerals for over the last 3 years, but this service is open to everyone. It is an opportunity to remember those who we have loved and lost, whenever that happened, and if you would like someone remembered at that service either come along, and add their name(s) to the list at the service, or let me know if you can't attend, and I will include them in the list of people who we name and remember. Tea and Cake will be served after the service, so if you are able to offer a cake that would be much appreciated. Rev'd David

Christmas crafts for children Saturday 30th November from 2pm to 4pm

Christmas crafts for children this year will be on Saturday 30th November from 2pm to 4pm at St Mary's Fowlmere. Advertising has started, and the first bookings are in. Can you help? We will need people to run crafts (all materials and instructions provided) people to provide and serve refreshments, and people to host. If you can help then let Kate know - katelee36@gmail.com. Many thanks. Rev David.



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2024

The Benefice will be supporting the Samaritan's Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal again this year. There are leaflets on "**How to pack a shoebox**" in our Churches, including gift ideas for children of different ages. We have "build your own" shoe boxes available for use too.

Alternatively you can pack an **ONLINE** shoe box. It is quick and easy to do. Please do visit: samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ Smaller gifts accepted if you aren't able to pack a whole box. Please contact: **Barbara Coates 01763 208540** for further information. Our boxes need to be ready for **Sunday 17th November** and can be brought to Church on that morning or handed in before. Thank you all very much. Blessings to you.
Barbara